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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2671**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Mitch PRATER

Application No.: 09/012,674

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For: PSEUDO AREA LIGHTS

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001 (Paper No. 25), the period for response having been extended from February 27, 2002 to March 27, 2002 by a Petition for Extension of Time of One Month, included herewith, please consider the following remarks with respect to the above-cited application.

**REMARKS**

The Office Action dated November 27, 2001 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-10 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

In the November 27, 2001, Office Action, claims 7-10 were again indicated as being allowed. Claims 1-6 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), but a new reference was applied in lieu of *Nishita et al.* ("Continuous Tone Representation of Three-Dimensional Objects Illuminated by Sky Light", Computer Graphics, Vol. 20, No.